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OPTICAL NETWORK USING DYNAMIC UNICAST

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The undersigned hereby authorizes that the RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) be charged to deposit account 502306. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance in light of the amendment and remarks that accompany this RCE. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions concerning this request or the above-identified patent application.

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